

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claims 1, 4, 5, 8-14, and 17-27 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter.

Claims 1-27 (Canceled)

Please add Claims 28-36 as follows:

28. (New) A remanufacturing method of remanufacturing a process cartridge comprising:

(a) a step of preparing a used process cartridge which comprises a toner developing container, a cleaning container and pins for coupling said toner developing container and said cleaning container at opposite longitudinal ends of said process cartridge;

said toner developing container including a toner accommodating portion, a toner supply opening, a developing roller and a developing blade;

said cleaning container including an electrophotographic photosensitive drum;

(b) a container separating step of separating said process cartridge into said toner developing container and said cleaning container by disengaging said pins from said process cartridge;

(c) a developing roller dismounting step of dismounting said developing roller from said toner developing container separated by said container separating step;

(d) a developing blade dismounting step of dismounting said developing blade

from said toner developing container separated by said container separating step;

(e) an elastic member mounting step of mounting an elastic member to a longitudinally inside of an end seal, the end seal being provided adjacent each of opposite longitudinal ends of a or said developing roller, at a position opposite from said toner accommodating portion with respect to said developing roller;

(f) a flexible sheet mounting step of mounting a flexible sheet to a or said toner developing container so as to extend along the longitudinal direction of said developing roller when said developing roller is mounted to said toner developing container;

(g) first and second side seal mounting step of mounting a first side seal continuously on a longitudinal end of said flexible sheet mounted on said toner developing container having the flexible sheet and on said toner developing container having the flexible sheet, and a second side seal continuously mounted on the other longitudinal end of said flexible sheet and on said toner developing container having flexible sheet;

(h) a developing blade mounting step of mounting a or said developing blade on said toner developer container having the flexible sheet;

(i) a developing roller mounting step of mounting a or said developing roller on said toner developer container having the flexible sheet;

(j) a toner refilling step of refilling the toner into a or said toner accommodating portion of said toner developing container having said flexible sheet; and

(k) a container coupling step of coupling said toner developing container having said flexible sheet with a or said cleaning container by engaging a or said pin into them.

29. (New) A method according to Claim 28, wherein said elastic member is mounted on a lateral side of said end seal.

30. (New) A method according to Claim 28 or 29, wherein said seal is made of a plastically deformable material.

31. (New) A method according to Claim 28 or 29, wherein said toner refilling step is carried out through a toner filling opening after said elastic member mounting step, said developing blade mounting step and said developing roller mounting step.

32. (New) A method according to Claim 31, wherein in said developing blade mounting step, a new developing blade or a used developing blade is mounted.

33. A method according to Claim 31, wherein in said developing roller step, a new developing roller or used a developing roller is mounted.

34. (New) A method according to Claim 28 or 29, wherein prior to said container coupling step, said electrophotographic photosensitive drum and said cleaning blade are dismounted from said cleaning container, and toner which has been removed from said electrophotographic photosensitive drum and accommodated in said cleaning container, is removed.

35. (New) A method according to Claim 34, wherein after the toner is removed, a new or used electrophotographic photosensitive drum and a new or used cleaning blade are mounted.

36. (New) A method according to Claim 31, wherein said remanufacturing method is implemented with a toner seal, for sealing a toner supply opening provided to supply the toner accommodated in said toner accommodating portion to said developing roller, having been pulled out.--